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Buying Books from Private Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has written to all schools asking them not to coerce parents into buying books other than NCERT or those prescribed by it if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it is also true that in spite of many directions, it had been found that some of the schools affiliated to CBSE force children and their parents to buy books other than NCERT-CBSE text books and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has received a lot of complaints in this regard and if so, the details thereof including the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (c): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued directions on 20.07.2015 and 12.04.2016 to all its affiliated schools that students and parents should not be coerced into buying additional textbooks other than books prescribed by the Board. However, CBSE does receive sporadic complaints in this regard against its independent affiliated schools. In the year 2015, CBSE received 5 complaints including two from Rajasthan and one each from Madhya Pradesh, Tripura and Delhi; and seven complaints during 2016, including five from Punjab and one each from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. All these complaints have been taken up with the respective School Management Committees.
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